

January 21, 2022

Re: FY21 SMART Act Report- Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate

Chair, Vice-Chair, Members of the Committee and Members of the General Assembly,

It is my pleasure to report to you the activities of the Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate (UCA) of FY21 in compliance with requirements as set forth in SB21-103 CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE 2020 SUNSET REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES REGARDING THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL AND THE UTILITY CONSUMERS' BOARD, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

The UCA represents the public interest before the Public Utilities Commission and other regulatory and judicial bodies. The office advocates on behalf of residential, small business, and agricultural energy and telecommunications customers in rate, rulemaking, and other regulatory proceedings to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable utility services.

In FY21 the total budget for the UCA was \$2.1 million, covering the personnel, operations, and legal representation for our work. In the 2021 fiscal year, the UCA reviewed and/or intervened in 44 regulatory proceedings and achieved a total savings for consumers from our efforts of approximately \$75.3 million. FY21 marked a considerable uptick in the workload for the office with new statutory guidance from SB21-103 and an increase in the size, complexity, and volume of filings coming from the state's regulated utilities.

In FY21, the UCA was front and center in advocating on behalf of utility customers in the face of the serious financial impacts of COVID-19.

The office led efforts to protect customers from utility shut-offs, late fees, deposits, and in ensuring that utilities provide extended bill payment assistance for customers who were unable to pay their utility bills during the pandemic. In another extreme circumstance for consumers, Winter Storm Uri in February 2021 brought unprecedented increases in natural gas prices which are passed on to customers; the UCA reacted immediately and with vigorous and compelling advocacy on behalf of those consumers.

The office continues to advance the interests of customers to ensure that only prudently incurred costs are passed on to customers' bills, that customers are receiving effective and timely messaging to ensure they can take action to conserve energy and mitigate bill impacts, and to guarantee that utilities and regulators learn from these extraordinary events so that customer impacts are mitigated in the future. The office also continues to maintain that not only will the deployment of renewable energy resources further the state's climate goals but will also lower customers' bills.

In addition, FY21 also brought forth proceedings that are still pending before the Public Utilities Commission, including the largest rate case ever filed by a utility in this state, a multi-billion-dollar transmission filing, the largest and most complex electric resource plan ever filed, and rulemaking proceedings which are material to the evolving transition to clean energy. The UCA's current efforts continue to balance impacts on rates and charges to consumers, long and short-term interests of the state's energy consumers, state decarbonization goals, just transition, and environmental justice.

I look forward to working with the members of this body and to maintaining our robust advocacy on behalf of the public interest and the state's over 3 million regulated utility customers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Z. Schonkauer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Director, Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate

<b>UCA FY21 Proceeding Summary</b>	
<b>Number of Active Cases During FY21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In FY21, the UCA reviewed and intervened in 44 active cases.</li> </ul>	<b>44</b>
<b>Number of New Proceedings Intervened in FY21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In FY21, the UCA intervened in 28 new proceedings.</li> </ul>	<b>28</b>
<b>Number of Active Proceedings from Previous Fiscal Years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16 proceedings from previous fiscal years continued to be in progress during FY21.</li> </ul>	<b>16</b>
<b>Number of Proceedings Closed FY21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 proceedings concluded during FY21.</li> </ul>	<b>15</b>
<b>Number of Proceedings with Savings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13 proceedings that concluded in FY21 achieved measurable consumer benefits.</li> </ul>	<b>13</b>
<b>Approximate Savings Achieved</b>	<b>\$75.3 Million</b>
<b>Number of District Court Proceedings</b>	<b>1</b>

**FY21 CLOSED PROCEEDINGS**

PUC Proceeding Number and Utility	Summary of Proceeding
<p><b>18M-0074EG</b> Public Utilities Commission (PUC)</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPACT OF THE FEDERAL TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT OF 2017 ON THE RATES OF COLORADO INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS UTILITIES.</b> Summary of Proceeding:</p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> This PUC proceeding examined the impacts of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) on the revenue requirements and rates of all investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities in Colorado. This proceeding was ongoing during FY21 and concluded in FY22. The UCA advocated on behalf of customers to ensure refunds related to this act were returned to customers in a timely and accurate manner.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b> The savings and benefits of the TCJA come from the reduction in the Federal Income Tax rate from 35% to 21% and the associated excess deferred income tax balances.</p>
<p><b>19A-0660E</b> Black Hills Electric (BHE)</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO ITS 2016 ELECTRIC RESOURCE PLAN CONCERNING A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR UP TO 200 MW OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY STORAGE.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> BHE application for approval of an amendment to 2016 Electric Resource Plan (ERP) for a competitive solicitation for up to 200 MW of Renewable Energy and Energy Storage. This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY21. The UCA advocated in favor of the solicitation which would ensure additional acquisition of renewable energy resources and also pass along rate relief to BHE customers.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b> The PUC approved a settlement related to this proceeding. Benefits in the form of cost and emissions savings will result from the solar project. Conservative estimates include \$66 million in savings for ratepayers.</p>

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<p><b>19A-0728E</b> Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) (Xcel Energy)</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE VOLTAGE CONTROL FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLORADO ENERGY PLAN.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> PSCo application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for \$93.6M in voltage control facilities re: Colorado Energy Plan. This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY21. The UCA advocated that a presumption of cost prudence would not be made in this or like proceedings.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b> The Commission ruled in favor of the UCA’s position. Benefit was establishing a clear precedent that presumption of prudence would not apply, and the utility would carry the burden of proof forward to future rate recovery proceedings.</p>
<p><b>19AL-0075G</b> Black Hills Gas Corp (BHGC)</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO 1 FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC. TO PLACE IN EFFECT ITS NEW PUC VOLUME NO. 1 TARIFF ESTABLISHING NEW RATE SCHEDULES AND BASE RATES FOR ALL NATURAL GAS SALES AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INCREASING JURISDICTIONAL BASE RATE REVENUES, COMBINING EXISTING GAS COST ADJUSTMENT (“GCA”) AREAS INTO NEW GCA REGIONS, IMPLEMENTING A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INTEGRITY RIDER, REVISING THE CONSTRUCTION ALLOWANCE CALCULATION METHOD, AND OTHER PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES TO REPLACE AND SUPERSEDE ITS P.U.C. VOLUME NO. 3 TARIFF (FORMERLY BLACK HILLS/COLORADO GAS UTILITY COMPANY, INC.) AND PUC VOLUME NO. 7 TARIFF (FORMERLY BLACK HILLS GAS DISTRIBUTION, LLC) IN THEIR ENTIRETY, TO BE EFFECTIVE ON MARCH 4, 2019.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> BHG advice letter for a Phase I &amp; II Gas Rate Case. This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY21. The UCA advocated on behalf of ratepayers that the utilities approach to revenue calculation, capital inclusion and other calculations unduly advantaged the utility and were inappropriate in the resulting increase in rates.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b> Savings of \$2.8 million which represents one-half of the costs avoided of about \$5.5 M. BHG requested an increase of about \$3.1 M</p>

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	<p>and received a decrease of about \$5.5 M. Benefits achieved include DSIR rejection, BHG's construction allowance proposals were rejected, BHG's "capital reach" based on the matching principle solely argued by the UCA, BHG's 10-year weather normalization was rejected. Rate case expenses were subjected to a 20% disallowance due to administrative inefficiencies created by the Company.</p>
<p><b>19M-0670E</b> Public Service Company of Colorado and Black Hills Electric</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S IMPLEMENTATION OF § 40-2-132, C.R.S., RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLANNING.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> Miscellaneous Docket on the PUC's Implementation of Sec. 40-2-132, CRS relating to Distribution System Planning. The UCA advocated on behalf of cost-effective, transparent, accurate, and competitive approaches to distribution planning. This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY21.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b> Consumers achieved benefits relative to a more transparent, accurate, and competitive planning process which balances capital investments from utilities with competitive vendors to keep down prices and avoid or defer costly investments.</p>

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<p><b>19R-0096E</b> PUC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR)</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES REGULATING ELECTRIC UTILITIES, 4 CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 723-3, RELATING TO ELECTRIC RESOURCE PLANNING, THE RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD, NET METERING, COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDENS, QUALIFYING FACILITIES, AND INTERCONNECTION PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> PUC NOPR proposing amendments to rules regulating electric utilities, Code of regulations 723-3 relating to resource planning, renewable energy standard, net metering, community solar gardens, qualifying facilities and interconnection. This proceeding was concluded in FY21. The UCA advocated in favor of rule modification, increasing customer savings, access to retail programs, and competitive procurement of resources.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b> The PUC made the decision to close the rulemaking without adopting any modifications.</p>
<p><b>19R-0654E</b> Public Service Company of Colorado and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Notice of Proposed Rulemaking</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES REGULATING ELECTRIC UTILITIES, 4 CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 723-3, RELATING TO INTERCONNECTION PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> PUC NOPR to electric rules regarding interconnection. This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY21. The UCA advocated in favor of swift and cost-effective interconnection being in the public interest.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b> The Commission adopted several new interconnection standards that facilitate more efficient interconnection.</p>

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<p><b>20A-0345E</b> Public Service Company of Colorado</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATE (EDR) PROPOSAL PURSUANT TO COLORADO HB 18-1271.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> PSCo application for PUC approval to implement an economic development rate (EDR). The UCA advocated for targeted economic development activities in rural and disadvantaged communities (not adopted by the PUC). In addition, the UCA advocated on behalf of customer protections regarding benefits related to EDR customers, cost-recovery of potential damages, and treatment of stranded assets.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b> The UCA achieved benefits via multiple customer protections in the settlement agreement including; PSCo cannot take a financial stake in EDR customers’ companies; EDR customers must be separately metered; EDR customers are prohibited from reselling electricity; EDR customers in arrears must forego all discounts; Business expansions for EDR discounts cannot cannibalize existing Colorado operations; Bad debt expense associated with EDR customers may not be recovered from non-EDR customers; An objective standard for determining electricity costs as a percentage of total costs to fulfill the critical consideration requirement; EDR legal and regulatory expenses may not be recovered from non-EDR customers; Stranded assets resulting from an EDR customer shall be deemed not used and useful from a regulatory perspective and not recoverable from non-EDR customers; Off-site distribution line construction costs associated with EDR customers cannot be recovered from non-EDR customers prior to such determination being made in a future ratemaking proceeding; and Corporate costs cannot be allocated to Colorado based on EDR customers.</p>

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<p><b>20A-0477G</b> Black Hills Gas Corp</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC. D/B/A BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW GAS METER SAMPLING PROGRAM AND RELATED TARIFF CHANGES.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> BHCG application for approval of a new gas meter sampling program and related tariff changes. The UCA advocated for a more refined approach to gas meter testing and replacement.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b> Benefits achieved via a settlement agreement reached with all parties to optimize the benefits to customers from more frequent testing of gas meters via sampling to remove inaccurate gas meters. Protections were agreed to by BHCG to protect cost exposure.</p>
<p><b>20A-0544FEG</b> Public Service Company of Colorado Electric and Gas</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR AN ORDER GRANTING TO IT A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO EXERCISE FRANCHISE RIGHTS IN THE CITY OF BOULDER.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> PSCo application for a franchise agreement with the city of Boulder. UCA advocacy was focused on cost containment for legal and other costs related to Boulder municipalization. Advocacy focused on not allocating these costs to non-Boulder residents.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b> Benefits achieved via the settlement agreement ends the litigation between PSCo and Boulder; Established an Energy Partnership Agreement between PSCo and Boulder; Established a Load Interconnection Agreement between PSCo and Boulder; and the prudence of undergrounding costs will be determined in a future proceeding.</p>

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<p><b>20M-0008E</b> Public Service Company of Colorado, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Black Hills Electric</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT FILING OF RULE 3627 10-YEAR AND 20-YEAR REPORTS OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO, TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION, AND BLACK HILLS ENERGY.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> Repository Docket for designation of Rule 3627 report for Joint 10-year transmission plan. UCA advocacy was focused on more detailed, accurate, and transparent information to be included in the filing of these reports.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b> Transmission planning and investment will constitute a large proportion of future rate growth. Better planning and integration translates to efficient use of ratepayer dollars. Outcomes from these proceedings gives the Commission and stakeholders foresight to plan for future investments and costs.</p>
<p><b>20M-0218E</b> Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION’S CONSIDERATION OF THE EXISTING RESOURCES OF TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC. PRIOR TO ITS INITIAL ELECTRIC RESOURCE PLAN FILING PURSUANT TO 40-2-134, C.R.S.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> A miscellaneous docket for Tri-State’s report on existing generation resources prior to filing of their Electric Resource Plan. This proceeding provided the foundational elements for the PUC’s guidance to Tri-State for its first filed electric resource plan. The UCA advocated for guidance that promoted cost-effective solutions to achieve state climate goals.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b> The UCA advocated for approaches for earlier acquisition of generation resources when cost-effective, approaches for more transparent and accessible modeling, and the consideration of excluded resources. Activities aided and provided insight into future ERP filings from Tri-State.</p>

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<p><b>20M-0251E</b> Public Service Company of Colorado, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Black Hills Electric</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION’S IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 40-3-118, C.R.S., REGARDING A SURVEY OF ELECTRIC UTILITY RETAIL RATES.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> A miscellaneous docket to implement CRS 403-118 regarding a survey of electric utility retail rates. This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY21. The UCA provided comments to the PUC and other meaningful input to determine a statewide electric retail rate average and other information mandated by Senate Bill 19-236, codified at Sec. 40-3-118, CRS.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b> The 45-page report provided informative and meaningful data for the PUC and the legislature regarding electric rates - and in particular as such pertains to BHE. The report illustrates the landscape of rates faced by consumers in different rate jurisdictions.</p>

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<p><b>20V-0159EG</b>  Atmos Energy, Public Service Company of Colorado, Black Hills Electric, Black Hills Gas Corp, Colorado Natural Gas</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, COLORADO NATURAL GAS, PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO, BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC., BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, INC., AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATURAL GAS LLC FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRACK EXPENSES RESULTING FROM THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 AND RECORD AND DEFER SUCH EXPENSES INTO A REGULATORY ASSET.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b>  Joint Petition from electric &amp; gas utilities for Deferred Accounting Treatment due to COVID-19. This proceeding tracked consumer costs related to COVID-19 for future cost recovery treatment.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b>  The UCA narrowed the costs to be included in the regulatory asset to only incremental bad debt costs over historical average bad debt costs. The settlement agreement excludes an earning component on the expenses placed into the regulatory asset and there will be no assumption of prudence for the incremental bad debt costs when the utilities seek to recover the costs in the regulatory asset in a future regulatory proceeding.</p>
<p><b>21A-0072SG</b>  Colorado Natural Gas</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF COLORADO NATURAL GAS, INC. FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING A STOCK PLEDGE AND DEBT REFINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-1-104 C.R.S. AND SECTION 40-5-105 C.R.S.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b>  This is an application by CNG for approval of a stock pledge and debt refinance arrangement. The UCA began advocacy to understand the financial approaches of CNG and the resulting impact on ratepayers. This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY21.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b>  The Company withdrew this application, and no PUC decision was rendered. As a result, no savings or benefits were captured.</p>

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<p><b>2020CV032793</b> Public Service Company of Colorado</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO VS. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO et al.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> Denver District Court of Appeals proceeding for PSCo’s Petition of a Writ to the PUC’s decision in proceeding (19AL-0268E). PSCo appealed the decision of the PUC on issues related to True-Up Surcharge, Gains and Losses on Asset Sales, Oil and Gas Royalty Revenues, and Board Equity Compensation. UCA advocacy focused on balanced distribution of costs and benefits between utility shareholders and ratepayers.</p> <p><b><u>Consumer Savings &amp; Benefits:</u></b> The Court ruled in favor of the PUC and UCA on the issues of the true-up surcharge, oil and gas royalty revenues, and board equity compensation. This decision equates to customer savings of \$6.5 million.</p>

**CURRENT ONGOING PROCEEDINGS AND PROCEEDINGS CLOSED IN FY22**

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<p><b>19M-0495E</b> Public Service Company of Colorado, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, and Black Hills Electric</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION’S IMPLEMENTATION OF §§ 40-2.3-101 AND 102, C.R.S., THE COLORADO TRANSMISSION ACT</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> Miscellaneous PUC proceeding for the implementation of Sec. 40-2.3-101 and - 102, CRS - The Colorado Transmission Coordination Act and study of regional markets for Colorado. The UCA continues to advocate for transparency, accurate forecasting, and competitive approaches to transmission development. This proceeding is currently on-going.</p>
<p><b>19R-0608E</b> Public Service Company of Colorado and Black Hills Electric Notice of Proposed Rulemaking</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES REGULATING ELECTRIC UTILITIES, 4 CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 723-3, RELATING TO COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDENS.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> PUC NOPR for PSCo and BHE for amendments to rules governing Community Solar Gardens. This proceeding is currently in progress and under appeal consideration by the Denver District Court of Appeals.</p>
<p><b>20A-0195E</b> Black Hills Electric</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF ITS TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION PLAN, READY EV, FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2021 - 2023 AND FOR RELATED TARIFF APPROVALS.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> BHE application for their "Ready Electric Vehicle" Program aka Transportation Electrification Plan (TEP). This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY22.</p>

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<p><b>20A-0204E</b> Public Service Company of Colorado</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2021-2023 TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION PLAN.</b></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> PSCo application for their 2021 - 2023 Transportation Electrification Plan (TEP) This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY22.</p>
<p><b>20A-0379G</b> Black Hills Gas Corp</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC. FOR AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM SAFETY AND INTEGRITY RIDER AS PART OF ITS GAS TARIFF AND TO UNDERTAKE ITS PROPOSED AT-RISK METER RELOCATION AND CUSTOMER-OWNED YARD LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.</b></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> BHCG application to implement a pipeline safety &amp; integrity rider called the safety system integrity rider (SSIR) and including replacement and ownership of at-risk meters and over 50,000 customer-owned yard lines. This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY22.</p>
<p><b>20A-0528E</b> Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2020 ELECTRIC RESOURCE PLAN.</b></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Tri-State application for approval of 2020 Electric Resource Plan (ERP). This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>

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<p><a href="#">20AL-0432E</a> Public Service Company of Colorado</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1835 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 - ELECTRIC TARIFF TO ELIMINATE THE CURRENTLY EFFECTIVE GENERAL RATE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS ("GRSA") AND GENERAL RATE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT - ENERGY ("GRSA-E"), AND PLACE INTO EFFECT REVISED BASE RATES AND OTHER AFFECTED CHARGES FOR ALL ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULES IN THE COMPANY'S ELECTRIC TARIFF, INCLUDING UPDATED ELECTRIC AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM ("EAP"), LOAD METER, AND PRODUCTION METER CHARGES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 19, 2020.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> PSCo Phase II electric rate case filing to eliminate current General Rate Schedule Adjustments, shift revenue requirement to residential class, update schedules for Electric Affordability Program ("EAP"), Load Meter and Production Meter. This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY22.</p>
<p><a href="#">20I-0437E</a> Public Service Company of Colorado</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE HISTORY AND CONTINUING OPERATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO COMANCHE UNIT 3 GENERATING STATION PURSUANT TO DECISION NO. C20-0505</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> PUC investigation into the continuing operations of PSCo's Comanche Unit 3 Generating Station Pursuant to Decision C20-0505. This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>

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<p><b>20M-0005E</b> Public Service Company of Colorado, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Black Hills Electric</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE YEAR 2020 FILINGS BY COLORADO ELECTRIC UTILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 4 CCR 723-3-3206 FOR THE DESIGNATION OF ELECTRIC UTILITY TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WHETHER THE FACILITIES ARE IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS OR AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IS REQUIRED.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> Repository docket for designation of Rule 3206 regarding transmission facilities and whether Certificate of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) will be required. This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>
<p><b>20M-0267EG</b> Public Service Company of Colorado, Black Hills Electric, Black Hills Gas Corp</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION’S IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL 20- 030 RELATING TO INCREASED CONSUMER PROTECTIONS FOR INVESTOR OWNED UTILITIES</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> Miscellaneous docket to implement Senate Bill 20-30 relating to increased consumer protections for Electric Investor-Owned Utilities (IOU)s. This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>
<p><b>20M-0546ALL</b> Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL REQUESTING THE COLORADO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OPEN A RULEMAKING ADDRESSING NOTICE UNDER 40-3-104, C.R.S. AND RULE 1207 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE FOUND AT 4 CCR 723-1.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> UCA Petition to the PUC for Rulemaking addressing notice under § 40-3-104, C.R.S. and Rule 1207 of the PUC’s Rules of Practice and Procedure 4 CCR 723-1. This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY22.</p>

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<p><a href="#">20R-0349EG</a> Public Utilities Commission</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED RULES REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL 20-030 AND THE REVISION OF DISCONNECTION STANDARDS FOR ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITIES PURSUANT TO 4 CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 723-3 AND 723-4.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> PUC rulemaking Proposing rules regarding implementation of SB 20-030 and the revision of disconnection standards for electric and gas utilities pursuant to 4 code of Colorado regulations 723-3 and 723-4. This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>
<p><a href="#">20R-0516E</a> Public Service Company of Colorado, Tri-State, Black Hills Electric</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES REGULATING ELECTRIC UTILITIES, 4 CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 723-3, RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLANNING.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> PUC rulemaking to implement rules for Distribution System Planning. This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>
<p><a href="#">21A-0071G</a> Public Service Company of Colorado</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE COMPANY'S PIPELINE SYSTEM INTEGRITY ADJUSTMENT (PSIA) RIDER FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS THROUGH 2024, WITH SUBSEQUENT WIND-DOWN OF THE RIDER.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> PSCo application to extend Pipeline System &amp; Integrity Adjustment (PSIA) rider for another 3 years. This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY22.</p>

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<p><b>21A-0096E</b> Public Service Company of Colorado</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR COLORADO’S POWER PATHWAY 345 KV TRANSMISSION PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED FINDINGS REGARDING NOISE AND MAGNETIC FIELD REASONABLENESS</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> PSCo application for Certificate of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for Colorado's POWER PATHWAY 345 KV Transmission project and associated findings regarding noise and magnetic field reasonableness. This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>
<p><b>21A-0141E</b> Public Service Company of Colorado</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2021 ELECTRIC RESOURCE PLAN AND CLEAN ENERGY PLAN.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> PSCo application to approve 2021 Electric Resource Plan (ERP) and Clean Energy Plan (CEP). This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>
<p><b>21A-0166E</b> Black Hills Electric</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF ITS ELECTRIC DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT (DSM) PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2022-2024 AND FOR APPROVAL FOR CHANGES TO ITS ELECTRIC DSM COST ADJUSTMENT TARIFF.</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary:</u></b> BHE application for approval of Electric Demand-Side Management (DSM) Plan for 2022-2024 and for Approval to changes to Electric DSM Cost Adjustment Tariff. This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>

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<p><b>21A-0186G</b> Atmos Energy</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING IT TO RECOVER THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FEBRUARY 2021 EXTREME WEATHER EVENT THROUGH THE COMPANY’S GAS COST ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Atmos Energy application for cost recovery via Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) due to Winter Storm Uri. This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>
<p><b>21A-0188G</b> Colorado Natural Gas</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF COLORADO NATURAL GAS, INC. FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING IT TO RECOVER THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FEBRUARY 2021 EXTREME WEATHER EVENT THROUGH THE COMPANY’S GAS COST ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> CNG application for cost recovery via Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) due to Winter Storm Uri. This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>
<p><b>21A-0192EG</b> Public Service Company of Colorado</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO, FOR RECOVERY OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FEBRUARY 2021 EXTREME WEATHER EVENT FOR ITS ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITIES.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> PSCo application for cost recovery via Electric Cost Adjustment (ECA) for Electric department, and via Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) for Gas department due to Winter Storm Uri. This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>

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<p><b>21A-0196G</b> Black Hills Gas Corp</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC. FOR APPROVAL TO RECOVER GAS COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FEBRUARY EXTREME COLD WEATHER EVENT.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> BHCG application for cost recovery via Extraordinary Cost Recovery Rider ("ECRR") due to Winter Storm Uri. This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>
<p><b>21A-0197E</b> Black Hills Electric</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC FOR APPROVAL TO RECOVER GAS COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FEBRUARY EXTREME COLD WEATHER EVENT.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> BHE application for cost recovery via Electric Cost Adjustment (ECA) due to Winter Storm Uri. This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>
<p><b>21AL-0091E</b> Public Service Company of Colorado</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE NO. 1850-ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS CRITICAL PEAK PRICING ("CPP") TARIFFS AND TO IMPLEMENT A PERMANENT CPP PRODUCT.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> PSCo advice letter to revise critical peak pricing services for primary general, secondary general, and transmission general. This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY22.</p>

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<p><b>21AL-0236G</b> Black Hills Gas Corp</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 9 FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC. DOING BUSINESS AS BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO INCREASE THE BASE RATES CHARGED FOR ALL NATURAL GAS SALES AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 2, 2021.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> BHCG advice letter for a combined Phase I and II gas rate case. This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY22.</p>
<p><b>21I-0076EG</b> Public Utilities Commission</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE EXTREME WEATHER EVENT OF FEBRUARY 13-16, 2021 AND THE PLANNING ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> PUC investigation of the weather event of February 13 - 15, 2021 (Winter Storm Uri) opened by Commission Order C21-0087. This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>
<p><b>21M-0130EG</b> Public Utilities Commission</p>	<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR COST RECOVERY BY COLORADO INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS UTILITIES RELATED TO THE EXTREME WEATHER EVENT OF FEBRUARY 13-16, 2021</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Miscellaneous docket to commence the PUC's consideration of the impacts of the Feb. extreme weather event (Winter Storm Uri) and effects on the revenue requirements and rates of electric and gas utilities. Opened by Decision C21-179 on March 23, 2021. This proceeding is currently in progress.</p>

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<p><b>21M-0168G</b>  Atmos Energy, Public Service Company of Colorado Energy, Black Hills Gas Corp, Colorado Natural Gas, Rocky Mtn. Natural Gas, Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate, Colorado Energy Office, Public Utilities Commission</p>	<p><b>IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT PETITION OF PARTIES REQUESTING THE COLORADO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO OPEN A RULEMAKING UNDER RULE 1306(B) FOR ADDITION OF PROPOSED RULES IN 4 CCR 723-4 ADDRESSING SHORT-TERM GAS INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING.</b></p> <p><u>Summary:</u>  Joint Petition to open Rulemaking to address Short-Term Gas Infrastructure Planning (ST GIP). This proceeding was ongoing and concluded in FY22.</p>